

Kentucky CTE instructors participate in 51 summer technical upgrade training workshops

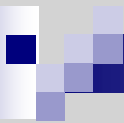


*Karen Nash
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Each year, technical upgrade training workshops are conducted throughout the commonwealth for all career and technical education (CTE) instructors. During the 2008 summer training session, 808 participants were enrolled in 51 workshops.

According to Karen Nash, Office of Career and Technical Education's new professional development coordinator, "the primary purpose of the training is for CTE instructors to receive updated information in their respective fields."

"Technical upgrade training for CTE teachers is funded with statewide leadership funds from the Carl D. Perkins Act of 2006," said Bettie Tipton, OCTE federal programs branch manager. "These funds must be used to benefit all career and technical education educators."




“I was very pleased with the technical training sessions offered this year,” said Nash. “I had an opportunity to visit some of the workshops and was impressed with the caliber of instruction being presented. Teachers were actively engaged and were receiving information they said could be used in their classrooms. These workshops also allow time for teachers to network and share ideas.”

Workshops were offered in the following program areas: agriculture, auto body, automotive technology, computer aided drafting, communications, construction, carpentry technology, diesel technology, family and consumer science, health science, industrial maintenance technology, information technology, machine tool technology, office technology, and welding.

“We also offered workshops on general topics, such as Kentucky Occupation Skills Standards Assessment (KOSSA), Program Assessment, Computer Literacy, and Blackboard,” said Nash.

A breakdown of CTE instructors served by groups includes: KY Tech – 621, local school district – 91, Juvenile Justice – 6, KCTCS – 74, and universities - 16.



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Laymon:

“It was one of the most useful workshops that I’ve been to in a few years.

“I liked the fact that the focus was on BOTH the mechanics of editing, as well as movie making techniques, instead of simply a mechanical step by step workshop of how to use the software with no context.

“The presenters were also knowledgeable and very professional.”

Chastain:

“To me, this video workshop was a success. We were able to shoot raw video around the campus and then go inside to edit the video. Learning how to do a voice over and practice different effects for video transition were both valuable tools that I will be able to use for a long time.

“I appreciate the opportunity to attend a workshop that will be useful to me in teaching my class.”

Photo below (l to r): Brian Chastain, Caldwell Co. ATC information technology instructor and Damian Laymon, Hughes Jones-Harrodsburg ATC office technology instructor.



At right: Joe Pawley, Harrison Co. ATC welding instructor, prepares to download a movie file. AT top left is Garry Wheatley, Paducah ATC radio and TV instructor.

Pawley:

“The workshop was interesting and fun. I wanted to see what it would take to make a quality instructional video that I could put my own personal touch on for welding students.

“I learned that it’s *relatively* inexpensive and although it is a bit time consuming, it’s not at all hard to do.

“I can’t wait to start filming my first welding lesson for the kids.”



Technical upgrade training has been provided for instructors since the passing of the Vocational Education Act of 1963.

According to Joe Morgan, OCTE information technology, distance learning and professional support branch manager, "This training is critical to keep teachers current with technical practices in their program area. Upgrade training for teachers is also a requirement of the Perkins Act. The topics are chosen by teacher, principal and consultant recommendation."

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